



**Department of Veterans Affairs
Advisory Committee on Women Veterans (ACWV)
VA Central Office
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420
March 25-27, 2014**

Tuesday, March 25, 2014-- G. V. "Sonny" Montgomery Conference Center, Room 230

8:30 a.m. ACWV Attends White House Champions of Change Event

Noon Lunch

2:00 p.m. Review Agenda/Approve Minutes/Administrative Items

Dr. Shirley Quarles
Chair, ACWV

2:15 p.m. Introduction/Center for Women Veterans Transformation Overview/Timeline
for Processing of 2014 Report of the Advisory Committee on Women
Veterans

Elisa Basnight
Director, Center for Women Veterans

Update on Women Veterans Program and Center for Women Veterans
Activities

Dr. Betty Moseley Brown
Associate Director, Center for Women Veterans

3:00 p.m. Workgroups Discuss 2014 Report Recommendations

4: 30 p.m. Wrap up/ Adjourn

Dr. Shirley Quarles
Chair, ACWV

Wednesday, March 26, 2014-- G. V. "Sonny" Montgomery Conference Center, Room 230

8:30 a.m. Open Meeting

Dr. Shirley Quarles
Chair, ACWV

- 9:00 a.m. Update on Women's Health Services Initiatives and Women Veterans Issues
Dr. Patricia Hayes
Chief Consultant, Women's Health Services, Veterans Health Administration (VHA)
- 10:00 a.m. Break
- 10:15 a.m. Annual Ethics Briefing
Christopher A. Britt
Acting Assistant Chief, Ethics Specialty Team, Office of General Counsel
- 10:45 a.m. Update on 2012 Report Recommendations #9 and #10/Outreach to Women Veterans
Nancy Lansing
Deputy Director, Benefits Assistance Service, Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA)
- 11:15 a.m. Greetings and Comments
Jose D. Riojas
Chief of Staff
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. Workgroups Discuss 2014 Report Recommendations
- 4: 30 p.m. Wrap up/ Adjourn
Dr. Shirley Quarles
Chair, ACWV

Thursday, March 27, 2014-- G. V. "Sonny" Montgomery Conference Center, Room 230

- 8:30 a.m. Open Meeting
Dr. Shirley Quarles
Chair, ACWV
- 8:45 a.m. Workgroups Discuss 2014 Report Recommendations
- Noon Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. Resume Discussion on 2014 Report Recommendations
- 4: 30 p.m. Meeting Adjourned
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**2012 Report of the Advisory Committee on Women Veterans
Summary of Recommendations**

1. That the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) conducts an audit of charges for preventive screenings provided to women Veterans to ascertain if they were improperly billed for preventive screenings, and reimburses women Veterans who were inappropriately charged for such services.
2. That VA develops a system-wide strategic plan which specifies the requirements for service delivery of inpatient mental health services for women Veterans, and that indicates how VA will implement and evaluate these established requirements.
3. That VA proposes to the VA/DoD Joint Executive Council (JEC) that its annual report adopts a component on women Veterans and female Servicemembers which outlines and develops health care service deliverables for enhancing health care for women Veterans.
4. That VA gives highest priority to incorporating women Veterans' health issues into the base-level information technological (IT) framework. Any new IT effort should include the ability to evaluate by gender those factors that impact on women's health, to include reproductive and other gender-specific issues and other outcome treatment plans.
5. That VA develops a system-wide policy that requires VA medical facilities include a designated Lactation area for women Veterans in remodel/redesign projects of outpatient areas. VA facilities should ensure that facility staff, providers and WVPs are aware of the locations. To ensure compliance with this requirement, it is suggested that this item be added to the privacy inspection checklist.
6. That VA maintains separate full-time women Veterans program managers positions and VISN lead women Veterans program managers positions (VISN leads) to improve health care accessibility for women Veterans.
7. That VA establishes a policy that requires each VA medical facility to consistently display WVPs' contact information on their respective Web sites.
8. That VA pursues legislation to allow Servicemembers in the National Guard and Reserves who experience military sexual trauma (MST) during drilling/battle assemblies and annual training to receive free MST-related care from VA medical facilities.
9. That the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) develops a system-wide outreach strategic action plan that includes regional office-level measurable goals for both full-time and collateral-duty women Veterans coordinators (WVCs), to include required annual VA Central Office-level reporting requirements.

10. That the VBA enhances its annual benefits report to include gender specific demographic information on women Veterans who receive VA benefits to identify opportunities for targeted outreach to women Veterans.